

The evidence is clear, Pakistani sponsorship of terrorism can be traced to the Soviet-Afghan war and Pakistan's ongoing conflict with India. After 9/11, Osama bin Laden and his ilk fled to Pakistan for a clear reason: because they knew it was a safe place for extremists.

For too long, we have fooled ourselves into thinking Pakistan is a responsible nation. During the Cold War we made a mistake identifying an Islamist state like Pakistan as an ally. They do not share our values and have inflamed conflict across South Asia for a long time. We have poured billions of dollars into Pakistan hoping it will change. When will we accept that it will not? That violent extremism and anti-Americanism is too deeply rooted and that paying them only rewards bad behavior.

Currently, we authorize roughly \$700 million every year in coalition support funds for Pakistan to fight terrorism and support our efforts in Afghanistan. We long suspected, however, they were only taking token steps to fool us. Starting in FY2016, to be eligible for half of the CSF money, Congress required the Secretary of Defense to certify that Pakistan is taking adequate steps to combat the Haqqani Network—one of the worst terrorist groups in the region. And to no surprise, the Pentagon has been unable to certify that Pakistan is meeting this requirement since it was put into law. Despite failing to meet this certification, \$350 million of the CSF money still goes to Pakistan. If it is clear that Pakistan is permitting terrorist groups to operate on its territory, why are we giving them any money at all?

The time has come to end our delusion that Pakistan will fulfill its responsibility in the fight against terrorism. We should not be paying Pakistan to betray us. They will do it for free. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
RANDOLPH CONN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor a special Kentuckian, Mr. Randolph Conn from Bath County, Kentucky.

Mr. Conn was born June 27, 1922 to Oscar and Mary Conn. He answered his country's call and served in the United States Navy. Later he served in the United States Army prior to completing his service in 1948.

Mr. Conn returned home and married Bonnie Staton Conn in 1949. They have six children, 8 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Mr. Conn worked in a sawmill and worked as a mechanic. He later worked with his father, developed clock repair skills, and opened his own clock repair shop.

Mr. Conn and his fellow veterans are true heroes. I am humbled to honor him before the United States Congress.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER 4 CLARK ALAN PATTON

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Clark Patton, of Beau-

fort, North Carolina. Last month Chief Warrant Officer 4 Clark Alan Patton retired from the United States Army after 35 years of faithful service to our country. He exemplifies the very best of our military. Throughout the many years he served our country, he was always willing to go the extra mile and beyond the call of duty for the good of our nation and military. I have had the honor of knowing Clark for many years and have enjoyed and appreciated his friendship.

Chief Warrant Officer Clark attended Basic Training in November 1983. He would serve for 17 years rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant before attending Warrant Officer Candidate School. In 2002 then Staff Sergeant Patton was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer. Shortly after being commissioned, Warrant Officer Clark would deploy to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He would go on to serve 14 of his 34 years of service as a commissioned officer before his retirement as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal.

Clark has lived in my district since 1992 with his wife Mary Ann. They have three children, Ashelyn, Joseph, and Jessica, and two grandchildren, Kasey and Maverick. I have always considered Clark and his family to be great friends for which I am most grateful. Chief Warrant Officer Patton has served our nation with dedication over the years, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his over three decades of service, and I extend to the Clark family many years of good health and happiness. God bless them.

HONORING SERVICE ACADEMY
APPOINTEES

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the students of Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District who were nominated and accepted appointments of our nation's service academies this year.

Students Parker Davis of Arkadelphia (United States Air Force Academy), Karrington Evans of Scranton (United States Naval Academy), Christina Harris of Malvern (United States Naval Academy Preparatory School), Clayton Nelson of Crossett (United States Naval Academy Preparatory School), Andrew Pequignot of Hot Springs (United States Merchant Marine Academy), Gavin Shapiro of White Hall (United States Military Academy), and Zachary Snook of Dardanelle (United States Naval Academy) exemplify the character and leadership abilities which will make them successful as they pursue careers in the Armed Forces.

RECOGNIZING THE GUAM POWER
AUTHORITY ON 50 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE ISLAND OF
GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Guam Power Authority (GPA) as it celebrates its 50th anniversary of serving the people of Guam. The Guam Power Authority provides electrical services on Guam to residential, commercial, government, and military customers. GPA was created in 1968 as a public corporation and autonomous instrumentality of the Government of Guam, and since that time has maintained and expanded the island wide power system for the island of Guam. In its 50 years of serving the island, GPA has adapted to multiple changing conditions. It has progressed to have enhanced flexibility as a Guam-owned entity with the mission to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible service to Guam's ratepayers.

GPA adds value to the services it provides through diversifying GPA's energy resources, and conducting maintenance throughout Guam's island wide power system. GPA also offers evolving online services for customers to conduct electric utility business at their convenience, all while continually upgrading its use of technology in all areas.

The agency has grown to meet the economic growth and rapid pace of technological advancements for the island. It has met the challenges of connecting all customers while aiming for superior customer service through accountability, efficiency and responsiveness. GPA has evolved from operating as an isolated power grid system to enhanced reliability with firm Integrated Resource Planning, optimizing energy production costs and forging beneficial public-private partnerships.

GPA has made great strides over the last 50 years to overcome obstacles and continue to grow. Today, the agency employs nearly 500 professional and technical individuals who bring electricity to the homes and businesses of Guam. These employees remain committed to providing energy service and solutions to the 52,000 customers of the Guam Power Authority.

Again, I commend and congratulate the Guam Power Authority (GPA) as it celebrates its 50th anniversary of serving the people of Guam. I commend the Guam Power Authority for their leadership in providing electricity to the local community. I recognize Mr. John M. Benavente, P.E., General Manager, the management team and all employees of the Guam Power Authority for their contributions to the success of GPA. I join the people of Guam in commending them for their service and growth over the last 50 years, and thanking them for their many contributions to our island. I look forward to many more years of success for the Guam Power Authority in support of improving the quality of life for the people of Guam.

CAROLE ONDERDONK, REST IN
PEACE

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a pillar of our community, Carole Onderdonk of her adopted city of Eagle, Colorado.

Carole Onderdonk was a graduate of Upsala College and Fordham University, eventually becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and a gifted craftsperson. As a social worker, she became a tireless advocate for the most vulnerable, and truly believed she could make a difference in the world. I'm told that her positivity inspired her friends and family to be their best selves.

I've known Carole for almost 20 years, and represented her in Congress until they redistricted her part of Eagle County out of the 2nd Congressional District. She always considered me her honorary representative anyway, and I knew the progressive cause could always count on her passionate advocacy.

Carole was one of our favorite volunteers in Eagle County, and she carried within her a passion for improving the lives of others through the power of activism and political action. Her dedication to making a positive impact will be sorely missed.

Carol was a beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and valued member of our community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BUILDING
SAFETY MONTH

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, as National Building Safety Month comes to a close, I would like to recognize the men and women of the International Code Council who have dedicated their livelihoods to ensuring the safety of Americans both in their homes and workplaces.

Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in their communities, and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting life and property. Building Safety Month, which is sponsored by the International Code Council, reminds the public of the important role safety codes and code officials play in creating and sustaining safe communities.

"Building Codes Save Lives," the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety. The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nations, are used by most U.S. cities, counties, and by all 50 states. These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, and earthquakes.

Similarly, in the U.S. House of Representatives, we have made major strides in promoting pre-disaster mitigation. In particular, I am proud to say that my bill, H.R. 4460, the Disaster Recovery Reform Act, was included in H.R. 4, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which passed the House on April 27, 2018. The measures in this bill will help our communities better prepare for and respond to disasters of all kind, in keeping with the mission of National Building Safety Month.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the International Code Council for their work to highlight National Building Safety Month.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call votes 181, 182, and 183.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, due to a medical issue with a family member I was unable to be present for votes in the U.S. House of Representatives from May 21 through May 24, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 208; YEA on Roll Call No. 209; YEA on Roll Call No. 210; YEA on Roll Call No. 211; YEA on Roll Call No. 212; NAY on Roll Call No. 213; YEA on Roll Call No. 214; YEA on Roll Call No. 215; YEA on Roll Call No. 216; YEA on Roll Call No. 217; YEA on Roll Call No. 218; NAY on Roll Call No. 219; NAY on Roll Call No. 220; NAY on Roll Call No. 221; NAY on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; NAY on Roll Call No. 228; YEA on Roll Call No. 229; and YEA on Roll Call No. 230.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
KENNETH CASSIDY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor a special Kentuckian, Mr. Kenneth Cassidy from Bath County, Kentucky. Mr. Cassidy is a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Cassidy grew up during the Depression. At the age of 19, he had a good job with the L & N Railroad as a signalman assistant. On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked and life changed for all Americans, including Cassidy. He was drafted in February of 1942,

just prior to his 20th birthday. After training, he was shipped to Hawaii to rebuild communications that were destroyed when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. After that, he was shipped to the Mariana Islands for 26 months of combat. He participated in the invasion of Saipan, the Philippines, and Okinawa. After the Japanese surrendered in 1945, Mr. Cassidy returned home to Bath County.

After coming home, Mr. Cassidy married Birdie Bell Ball in 1953. Mr. Cassidy farmed, logged, built houses, operated heavy equipment, and worked as a mechanic. He also worked for the L & N Railroad and Avon and he owned and operated his own restaurant.

Mr. Cassidy and the other men and women who served our country during World War II are true heroes. As members of the Greatest Generation, they bravely sacrificed to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor him before the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I was traveling with the President of the United States to Long Island, NY. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 217; YEA on Roll Call No. 218; NAY on Roll Call No. 219; NAY on Roll Call No. 220; NAY on Roll Call No. 221; NAY on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; NAY on Roll Call No. 225; NAY on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; and NAY on Roll Call No. 228.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed three votes on 5/21/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 208; and YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan which celebrates the 100th anniversary of its independence on May 28—next Monday.

On May 28, 1918 the Republic of Azerbaijan declared independence. Tragically, independence was short lived as the Bolsheviks invaded Azerbaijan and the country was eventually absorbed into the Soviet Union. The Azeri people never lost their desire to be free from their Soviet occupiers, however. With the fall